

MAILS NEXT WEEK

(To Arrive and Leave Honolulu)

From Coast: Maui, 5.
For Coast: U. S. T. Thomas, 4;
Wilhelmina, 5; Sierra, 5.
From Australia: Sierra, 5.

Maui News

LATEST SUGAR QUOTATIONS

	Cents	Dollars
per lb. per ton		
Today's quotation	5.92	\$118.40
Last previous price	5.95	\$119.00

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INTER-ISLAND VESSEL BURNS---TWO ARE LOST

Steamer Hamakua Burst Into Flames Off Maui Coast---Bursting Gasoline Drums Endanger Crew---First Officer Probably Burned---Boatswain Killed Injured And Drowned---Cause Is Mystery

LOST

George Nystrom, first officer
Kaili, boatswain.

The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company's freight steamer, Hamakua, with a miscellaneous cargo for the Hamakua coast section of the island of Hawaii, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning in the Alalakeiki channel between Maui and Kahoolawe. So great was the headway of the flames when discovered that there was no chance of fighting them and the crew was forced to take to the boats at once. As it was, two of the 39 men on board lost their lives.

First Officer Geo. Nystrom, who was on watch at the time, had just finished the work of setting stay-sails steady the boat for her run across the Hawaii coast, when some of the crew reported the smell of smoke. He quickly satisfied himself that the vessel was on fire and reported to Capt. Carl Wichert, who had left the bridge a short time before and gone to sleep in his cabin. Before the captain could don his clothes, an explosion shook the vessel, covers were blown off the main hatch, and a great column of flame and smoke shot forth enveloping the vessel almost completely.

Nystrom Burned To Death
It is believed that the first officer was burned to death. He was last seen near the main hatch searching for the fire. When the hatch blew open he was probably instantly overcome and perished.

Gasoline Ignites
A considerable portion of the vessel's deck cargo consisted of gasoline in drums. These at once ignited when the fire broke from the hold, and a succession of heavy explosions drove the crew aft. In a pill of smoke so dense that they could scarcely breathe, the men struggled with the lashings of the boats and finally succeeded in launching three. Another one was smashed against the side of the ship and its crew thrown into the water. They were picked up later by their

companions in the other boats, except the boatswain, named Kaili, who is reported to have been hurt.

Injured Man Drowned
A member of the crew reports having helped Kaili to get out of some of his clothing, which were hampering his efforts to keep afloat, while the men were in the water waiting to be picked up, but later when Capt. Wichert made a muster of his crew he was found to be missing, together with the first officer. Although the boats cruised about the burning vessel for some time no trace of either unfortunate man could be found.

The boats headed for land about 6 o'clock, and landed at Keoneolo landing, east of Makana, about 8:30 o'clock. In the meantime the burning vessel had attracted the attention of residents at the Raymond Ranch, and Mrs. Raymond telephoned the first report of the disaster to George H. Dunn, agent for the Inter-Island at Lahaina. After landing Capt. Wichert also reported to Dunn and the Mikahala was dispatched from Lahaina to pick the men up. They were thus brought to Lahaina after 5 o'clock in the evening, together with their three boats, and later were taken by the Claudine to Honolulu.

James Makee Reports Disaster
Shortly after 6 o'clock Wednesday evening the power schooner James Makee arrived at Lahaina to report the burning which had sorely puzzled Capt. J. T. Diggs all day. The Makee was on her way to Hawaii when she sighted the burning ship about daylight, and she was within about half a mile of her when the Hamakua turned turtle. The discovery of a smashed boat finally gave Capt. Diggs a clue as to the identity of the craft, which continued to float bottom up, with stern high as though the engines had stopped out. The small boat also contained some pieces of men's wearing apparel which added to Diggs' anxiety concerning the fate of the crew. He cruised about all day

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"The Small Vegetable Garden"

The Maui News has received from Delegate Kalaniana'ole several hundred copies of Farmers' Bulletin No. 818—"The Small Vegetables," for distribution.

These booklets are particularly timely, and should be of value to many persons on Maui interested in solving the food problem at first hand. The Maui News will be glad to furnish them free, to all who apply for them while they last.

Anthrax Controlled Maui Horses May Go

Strong Efforts Being Made To Get Maui Racers To Big Honolulu Meet—Local Owners Will Take No Chances

If no more cases of anthrax are reported from Honolulu it is possible that the Maui race horses may be shipped down tomorrow or the first of the week. This has not yet been definitely determined. Dr. Fitzgerald, veterinarian, now believes there would be little risk, and it is stated that Territorial Veterinarian Norgaard has advised that there will be no danger.

It had been the intention to ship the horses of H. A. Baldwin and Dr. Fitzgerald by last Saturday's Claudine but the appearance of the dreaded disease anthrax in the city changed the plans. Upwards of 20 head of cattle on the Farm Corn dairy have died of the disease, but the authorities now claim to have it under control.

The Honolulu racing association is using every effort to get the Maui horses to Honolulu for the meet to be held on the 9, 11 and 16, but Maui owners are determined to take no chances on getting anthrax brought to Maui, or of being compelled to leave their horses in Honolulu.

The horses proposed to be taken to Honolulu from here are—H. A. Baldwin's Francis B. Will Owen, Luau, and Whistling Jenny, and Dr. Fitzgerald's Dick Tilburn, Kaplolan, and Knight of Ghinn.

National Guard Orders

First Lieut. F. P. Rosecrans, Third Hawaiian Infantry, has been granted leave of absence for eighty days from May 21, with permission to travel beyond the limits of the Territory.

Naval Recruiting Party Come Here Next Week

Maui young men who would like to give their patriotism expression on the decks of a battleship, may have a chance to achieve that end next week, when a naval recruiting party will be on Maui for an indefinite period. In the party will be composed of Dr. W. W. Cress, and Chief Machinist and Recruiting Officer O. Johnson. After Maui has been worked, the island of Hawaii will be covered.

Tennis Tournament Continued One Month

The Collins handicap tennis doubles tournament, which was to have begun early this month, has been postponed until July and the entries which were to have closed today will close instead on July 1. The reason for the change in date is that the tournament would interfere more less with the polo practice in June, and besides it is desired that the contest serve as a preliminary to the Harvest Home tournament which is held in August.

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

A unique entertainment will be given at the Kahului Community House on Saturday evening June 9th. A variety program will be given. A Hawaiian girl's chorus will sing. A male quartette will furnish some good humor. There will be a touch of light comic opera besides other numbers. The program will conclude with the play "Aunt Jerusha's Quilting Party" a fifty minute production produced by a cast of sixteen people. After the entertainment there will be dancing. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy a good time.—Adv

Lyons Will Contest Uahinu's Election

Democratic Party To Start Mandamus Action In His Name—Claim County Attorney Bevins Ruling Wrong—Cockett's Seat Uncertain

T. B. Lyons, democratic candidate in the primary election for supervisor, will bring mandamus proceedings against County Clerk Kaee to compel the placing of his name on the official ballot for the general election.

This is the word that is passed out by reliable democratic authority. The fight to get Lyons on the tickets is to be made by the territorial democratic party.

As stated in the Maui News last week, the county clerk, acting on an opinion of County Attorney E. R. Bevins, has issued certificates of election to all the present republican officeholders on the primary ticket, on ground that they had each received a majority of the vote cast, which under the law is equivalent to election. There was perhaps no question on this point except in the case of Supervisor J. N. Uahinu, who on the face of the returns at the primary polled less than half of the votes cast.

The board of supervisors, on the authority of the County Attorney's opinion, decided, however, that the 1917 ballots cast should not include spoiled ballots, of which there were 100 or more. Deducting these, and Uahinu had more than the necessary majority.

May Require Special Election

Should the courts support Lyons in his claim, it will mean that Uahinu has not been elected, and inasmuch as the period for calling the general election has passed, it will be necessary to call a special election after the first of July to fill the vacancy, as provided by the new law passed by the last legislature.

Cockett's Seat Shaky

It is also reported that the democrats may try to upset Pia Cockett's majority of 1 1/2 votes, on ground of error. The returns sent to the democratic headquarters from Kipahulu precinct for Cockett were 40, while the returns found by Clerk Kaee from the precinct are 42.

However as Lyons was the only democrat in the field, and he is after Uahinu's seat, Cockett's narrow margin may be allowed to go uncontested.

Maui Teacher Again Bomb Plot Witness

Herbert Wade Making Third Trip To Coast In Eight Months—Is Out Of Pocket \$500 And Stands To Lose Still More

Herbert Wade, principal of the Hailu school, was a departing passenger this week for San Francisco to appear as a witness for the state in the trial of Mrs. Mooney, on charge of being implicated in the San Francisco bomb outrage of last summer. This is the third trip that Wade has been compelled to make in connection with this series of cases since last fall.

Wade happened to be near the scene of the explosion at the time of the preparedness parade and has been able to identify a number of the suspects as persons he noted carrying a suspicious suit case just before the horror was perpetrated.

Although Wade has been a valuable witness to San Francisco, it has been a costly matter to him, his absence from the territory and consequent loss of salary amounting already to over \$500 more than he received as witness fees. His present trip will probably set him back a few hundred dollars more. It is understood an effort is to be made to have the San Francisco chamber of commerce make good the losses, but nothing has thus far materialized.

Paroled German Sailors To Have Work On Maui

United States District Attorney S. C. Huber stated yesterday that the five alien German seamen taken from the American schooner Port Gamble, had been paroled and would leave at once for a plantation on Maui where they will be employed as laborers.

The German seamen have been confined in prison since their arrival here, about six weeks ago. They were taken from the Port Gamble by the federal authorities, acting on cabled information from Washington.—Advertiser.

HOARDING FOOD WILL BE MADE A FELONY

Congress Going Hard After Food Manipulators---Fighting Less Violent In Europe---Strong Offensive Expected Soon---Great Storms Wreck Great Havoc In Mississippi Valley

WASHINGTON, June 1—Hoarding supplies, destruction, cold storage of stocks, or manipulating food or fuels to create shortage and increase prices, are made felonies by an amendment to food control bill. Passed by senate without division. Other amendments to be debated today. Vote probable tomorrow night.

Board of steamship inspectors considering revision of rules concerning steamship licenses.

Italian commission favors joint purchases. Allies get second \$100,000,000 loan.

Wilson subscribed \$10,000 to liberty loan. McAdoo assured of success. Wants over-subscription.

Espionage bill shorn of censorship. Probably in both houses in few days. Passage certain. No comments on censorship deletion from White House.

NEW YORK, June 1—So-called "American conference on democracy and peace terms" held great meeting at Madison Square. Resolution passed that American opportunity to end war calls for American arms.

KANSAS CITY, June 1—Federal authorities round up suspects in alleged anti-draft plot. Four men and one woman arrested. Two in Topeka are charged with conspiracy to aid persons to avoid draft. Under draft evasion act two others arrested this morning sought to enjoin government and others from enforcing draft.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 1—Tornado in Piney River section seven killed.

PETROGRAD, June 1—Maxim Gorky publishes sensational account of an effort to engage him for clandestine negotiations for separate peace made by Rozow, Bulgarian minister at Berlin. Gorky is almost a fanatical peace advocate, but denounces Rozow for believed treachery.

NEW YORK, June 1—Inaction on all fronts. Only activity is in Champagne where French regained all Wednesday's losses.

At Harry au Bac, Germans sprung a mine and hand to hand fighting for crater ensued leaving it in German hands.

Intensive fighting on Austrian-Italian front stopped. Italians are consolidating to take more Albanian villages and hold against strong counter.

Five hundred women at mass meeting were addressed by Gov. Dote and others on food conservation. Pledged their support and asked that a sub-committee be named to direct movement be made for women's services.

Following mail lost on the Hamakua: 1 pouch, 2 second class sacks for Honokaa; pouch and 2 sacks for Kukuihaele; 2 sacks for Pauhan.

HONOLULU, June 1—Rumor that Manie Hopkins will not qualify for auditorship, leaving way open for appointment of M. H. Drummond, now in treasurers office, with John Effinger to succeed Drummond.

NEW YORK, May 31—Germans launched desperate attack in Champagne district, using gas shells liberally. Drive slightly dented French line at one point. Otherwise attacks were repulsed.

Artillery on British front resumed activity.

Italians today occupy 4 Albanian villages.

COPENHAGEN, May 31—Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, announces that Austrians and Germans have decided against Polish regency at this time. Poles at Cracow pass resolutions demanding a free and independent Poland.

HAVRE, May 31—Germans in Belgium threaten fine of 10,000 marks and imprisonment of 3 years for anyone caught picking up literature dropped by Allies' airmen. This literature announces German defeat.

LONDON, May 31—British casualties for May: Killed, wounded and missing officers, 5902; men, 106,331.

Lahaina Militia Only Observes Memorial Day

For the first time in years Wailuku had no formal observance of Memorial Day. Some of the business houses were closed for a portion of the day, and many individuals visited the cemeteries and performed the usual rite of floral decoration of graves of friends and relatives.

At Lahaina the national guard companies turned out, however, and after a short parade, fired the usual military salutes over the graves of a number of civil war veterans in the Lahaina district.

Governor Pinkham will visit Maui within the next two weeks, according to word brought by Superintendent of Public Works Forbes, who arrived this morning. The chief executive is coming in connection with the food conservation and production campaign. Mr. Forbes and others of the Governor's official family may be along at that time, as well as members of the new Oahu food commission.

Gypsies Charged By Hilo Man With Fraud

Party Arrested Here And Taken Back—Had Been Traveling In Big Automobile—Offer To Settle For \$200 Refused

The prosperous band of gypsies which for the past two weeks has been touring Maui in a big automobile telling fortunes and in divers other ways turning an honest penny (our police didn't arrest them) were arrested here, on Tuesday of this week by Police Officer Sam Kaula, of Hilo, who came over armed with a warrant charging the gang with gross cheat or obtaining money under false pretenses. The party, which consists of two men, two women, and a dozen children more or less, departed on Wednesday night for Hilo to answer the charge.

According to the Big Island officer the warrant was sworn out by a native of Hawaii who claimed to have paid the gypsies \$160 on their promise to cure a case of tuberculosis, or some other chronic disease.

The party was very averse to going back to Hilo, and after consulting an attorney, they offered to refund the money and to pay costs amounting to some \$40 if the matter could be dropped. This proposition was wirelessly to Hilo but the answer came back that there was nothing doing in the compromise line. The party left their big touring care at Lahaina.

Kaahui Confesses Murder And Arson

Tells Sheriff He Strangled Old Man With One Hand After Struggle—Fired House To Hide Crime Ejectment Back Of Killing

Goaded to an ungovernable rage at the sight of his enemy cultivating the taro patch which he had planted and which he considered his own, Sam Kaahui went to the isolated home of 72-year old Noa Kaana, in Ukumehame valley at 11 o'clock on Monday night, May 21, choked the old man to death, and then set fire to the cabin to hide the crime.

This is the substance of the confession which Kaahui made to Sheriff Clem Crowell on last Saturday, and which clears up the mystery of the finding of Kaana's charred remains in the embers of his home Tuesday morning of last week, as previously told by the Maui News. Because suspicion pointed very strongly towards Kaahui, and because of the known enmity which he had long borne to his ancient neighbor, he had been arrested shortly after the tragedy.

Strangled Victim With One Hand
In his confession Kaahui told a strange story of the killing. He declared that he went to Kaana's house without a weapon, determined to kill the old man or be killed himself. While the accused man is only about 45 years old, he is handicapped by the loss of his right hand. His victim, although old, was by no means decrepit. Kaana had not gone to bed, Kaahui states, and seemed to be expecting the visit. He demanded his visitor's business, and for answer Kaahui says he at once sprang upon him and the life and death struggle began. Kaahui says it lasted 20 minutes or half an hour. Slowly the old man weakened, and finally Kaahui had him upon his back and the fingers of his one hand locked like a vise on his throat. "I held on until I knew he was dead," he told the Sheriff.

Then he arose, dashed the burning lamp upon the floor, and going out to

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Kula Sweet Peas Making Big Hit

But Onions Moving Slow—Marketing Division Advises Against Crystal Wax—Potrymen Sacrificing Laying Stock—Eggs Move Up Slowly

HONOLULU, May 28.—Island butter is getting more plentiful but there is a good demand for it. Butter makers should be careful to wash out all the butter milk as it gives the butter a cheesy taste. Such butter will be sold for cooking purposes and the producer can not expect to get top prices. Put out a first class product and get the best price.

Eggs have advanced to 50 cents a dozen but even this price is very low in comparison with the feed bill and a great many people are going out of the business. If the producers continue to sell their stock at the present rate it is safe to say that there will be very few chickens or eggs next year.

The prices on green vegetables have changed very little in the past week but from all reports there will be large quantities for sale in the near future. Cabbage is still bringing top prices. Island Irish potatoes are coming in in large quantities and the quality is better than for several years especially those raised on this island. Sweet potatoes are very scarce. The Division would like to hear from all who have sweet potatoes for sale.

Probably the best shipment of green peas ever grown in the islands was received by the Division last week from Kula. They are of the Prince Edward variety and much sweeter than the California peas. Consumers should certainly use these instead of canned peas. Large quantities of these peas could be grown in Kula and elsewhere in the islands both drying and canning if the people would use them.

Thirty bags will arrive this week.

Limes are not so plentiful as last week and the price has advanced slightly. There has been no change in the prices of dressed meats or hides. The prices of feeds have dropped in a few instances but not enough

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